

(Please return by June 16, 2005)
June 2005 - Early Action Compact Progress Report
Charleston County



1. In an effort to keep our contact information updated; please provide the following information for your county:

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2. Please complete the attached Ozone Awareness Week checklist so that we will know which activities you did to promote awareness.
See attached

3. List any progress (if applicable) since your December 2004 submittal? (stakeholder meetings, events held; special projects, fleet Changes, Energy Star products purchased, Tree City USA, TABFTE, etc.)

- (a) The County purchased a second hybrid vehicle (Honda Civic) which is being utilized by one of the 9th District Deputy Solicitors.
- (b) Employing the newly implemented Vehicle Replacement Criteria, the County fleet was reduced by 25 units.
- (c) The County has contracted with the State Fleet Management office to lease 31 vehicles from the state, which will be delivered in July. This includes law enforcement pursuit vehicles, pickup trucks and sedans for Building Services and Facilities Management, two transport vans, and a cargo van. Mileage will be tracked, and users encouraged to pool trips.
- (d) Fleet Management has purchased two cargo vans with low-emission diesel engines. These engines are more fuel efficient, can utilize low-sulfur fuel, and therefore reduce emissions. Currently 17 out of the 20 County ambulances also have the new diesel engines.
- (e) All heavy equipment utilized by the County (12 items) is now Tier 2 compliant.
- (f) Charleston County undertook an electronic survey of employees to solicit interest in setting up carpools. To date, 39 positive responses were received. The responses were sorted by area of county, and contact information shared within those areas. We now are soliciting feedback on establishment of active carpools.
- (g) Charleston County contracted, at no cost, with the Commissioners of Public Works, to distribute informational flyers with utility bills to 95,000 local water utility customers. The back page of the flyer comprised an explanation of ground-level ozone, and tips to reduce air pollution. The flyers were distributed in March, 2005.
- (h) For Ozone Awareness week, the County set up a display in the entrance lobby of the Public Services Building on ground-level ozone, and also sent an email to all employees explaining ground-level ozone and tips to reduce the pollutants that cause it.

- (i) Charleston County continues to expand the interactivity of its website, www.charlestoncounty.org. It is now possible to submit a work order to the Public Works Department online, and to submit a job application online. This reduces vehicle trips needed to conduct County business.
- (j) On May 1, 2005, Charleston County began collecting an additional half cent in sales tax directed to transportation improvements and greenbelt projects. Two citizen advisory boards have been created and are now meeting to accept public comment and to advise on projects for this revenue. A direct beneficiary has been our regional transportation systems (CARTA and RTMA) which will receive an infusion of operating money. Greenbelt discussions have already focused on the need for 'connectivity' and more bike and pedestrian-friendly walkways. Over the next 25 years of this dedicated funding, great strides will be achieved to reduce vehicle-related pollution.

4. Do you have any plans to implement additional strategies and/or education and outreach activities during the 2005 ozone season? (It's not too late to use Ozone Awareness Week ideas!)

- (a) The County website, www.charlestoncounty.org, contains information on ground-level ozone. With the onset of hot weather, we will continue to remind the public and our employees of measures to take to reduce ozone-causing pollution.
- (b) CARTA (bus transportation system) is formulating plans to park and ride locations to reduce vehicle traffic.
- (c) The County will continue Fleet Management strategies to reduce fleet and improve engine efficiency.

5. Do you have any requests for specific assistance from the Department and/or the EPA?

Not at this time; we appreciate all the materials provided for Ozone Awareness Week, and the ongoing support.

Supervisor/Manager/Administrator: Roland H. Windham, Jr.

Date: June 16, 2005

EAC Contact: Linda G. Slater

Date: June 16, 2005 County Charleston

What did you do?

Ozone Awareness Week 2005

Prior to Ozone Awareness Week (March 28th- April 1st), we provided the following outreach materials. Please check the initiatives that you did and explain to what extent you did them. If you did more, please include those items at the bottom. Also, if you have plans to use any of these materials during the 2005 ozone season, please include that information as well. Thanks for all of your hard work in making the 2005 Ozone Awareness Week a success!

☒ Posters (3 different)

Explain: Used posters as part of a display in a large display case to help explain ground-level ozone, and steps that can be taken to reduce it.

☐ Ozone and Your Health brochure

Explain: _____

☒ Display?

Explain: Set up a display in a case in the lobby of the Public Services Building.

☒ _____

Season bookmarks in employee paychecks

Explain: Printed bookmarks from file, and made them available to residents and employees at the Information Desk in the lobby of the Public Services Building.

☐ “Do Your Part to Spare the Air” blue bookmarks in employee paychecks

Explain: _____

☒ Link to ozone forecast available on county web site

Explain: Yes, many ozone links are provided on the county website, www.charlestoncounty.org, following the heading for Emergency Information.

☐ Coloring book

Explain: _____

☒ “DRAFT” Press Release

Explain: Yes, the press release was modified and sent to media.

☒ Proclamation from Governor to be distributed

Explain: This was part of the display.

☒ List of 25 things you can do to spare the air... flyer

Explain: Part of the display, and also illustrated with a fan, can of zero VOC paint, correct gas can, etc. Copies also were available to the public and employees.

☒ Copy of e-mail to distribute to employees

Explain: Modified to be included in Administrator’s weekly email to all employees.

Extras: